ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A catalyst for the full oxidation of volatile organic compounds (VOC), particularly hydrocarbons, and of CO to CO₂, comprising:

a non-stoichiometric crystalline compound conventionally designated by
a formula which corresponds to A₈Cu₂O₄ (f), where A is Sr or a solid
solution of Sr with alkaline-earth metals, alkaline metals, lantanides; or a
non-stoichiometric crystalline compound conventionally designated by a
formula which corresponds to B₂Cu₂O₆ (II), where B is Ca or a solid
solution of Ca with alkaline-earth metals, alkaline metals, lantanides; or
mixtures thereof; and in that it is prepared in a form which has a large

specific surface area, preferably larger than 25 m²/g;

a method for preparing the catalysts; their use in methods for the full oxidation of VOC and of CO to CO, and the oxidation methods.